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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT
TOPIC	1. Winter Exercises of the 12th Gds Tank Div in the southeast Section of the Wittstock Training Grounds and Eastward	25X1
	2. Military Shipments in Neuruppin	25X1
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1. Between 1000 and 1230 on 19 March 1955, several columns were seen on Karl Marx Strasse in Neuruppin en route toward the north. The columns, which had come from the direction of the barracks installations, included 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 9 armored personnel carriers, 3 BA-64 armored scout cars, 38 trucks, some occupied by troops, 10 jeeps with antennas and approximately 10 ambulances.

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Between 1500 and 2315 on 22 March, many columns were observed on Wittstocker Allee en route toward Neuruppin. The following vehicles were seen:

7 T-54 (?) tanks, 6 to 8 other tanks, 16 to 20 x 122-mm field howitzers, 3 M-31 rocket launchers, 3 M-13 rocket launchers, 16 x 37-mm AA guns, 69 two and three-axle armored personnel carriers, 13 BA-64 armored scout cars, 22 sidecar motorcycles, 296 trucks including some occupied by personnel, 14 tank trucks, 17 jeeps and sedans, 28 field kitchens and 17 ambulances.

the high-grade Soviet officer, commander-in-chief of GSFG, Marshal AA. Grechko, arrived with one of these columns. on 22 March.

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Between 0700 and 1120 on 23 March, 6 x 85-mm AA guns, 6 armored personnel carriers, 12 trucks including some occupied by soldiers, and 2 field kitchens went toward Neuruppin.

Between 1150 and 1640, 6 x 85-mm AA guns, 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 33 trucks including some occupied by soldiers and 2 field kitchens left Neuruppin on Wittstocker Allee and proceeded northward.² At 1600 on 19 March, a shipment of 4 x 57-mm AT guns, 10 armored personnel carriers, approximately 15 trucks and 6 boxcarloads of troops passed through the Neuruppin railroad station. The train came from the direction of Fehrbellin. At 0920 on 23 March, a similar shipment passed through Neuruppin in the opposite direction. 3

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2. At 1800 on 13 March, 2 shipments totaling 13 x 122-mm field howitzers, 14 mortars, 3 AA guns, 8 medium AT guns, 6 AT guns presumably of 57-mm and 24 trucks were unloaded at the Neuruppin railroad station. The trains reportedly came from Jueterbog. 4
3. At 0900 on 19 March, a column of 18 x 122-mm field howitzers, 5 AA guns, 5 M-31 rocket launchers, 4 x 13 rocket launchers, 2 armored personnel carriers, approximately 50 trucks including some occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and some carrying equipment, 1 radio truck, 1 ambulance and 3 field kitchens was seen on Karl Marx Strasse in Neuruppin. The column came from the direction of the barracks installations and proceeded toward the north. On 21 March, the barracks installations of the Neuruppin post were only lightly occupied.1

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1. Comment. Major elements of the 12th Gds Tank Div probably conducted exercises between 19 and 22 March which, according to previous reports, also involved small elements of the 1st Mecz Div, possibly as enemy force, and units of the 2d Light Arty Brig. The exercises were apparently held in the southeast portion of the Wittstock training grounds and eastward.
2. Comment. This may have been units of the 31st AAA Div which returned to their post from exercises of the 12th Gds Tank Div.
3. Comment. The train probably carried units of the 1st Mecz Div which, according to previous reports, moved to Netzeband and Rheinsberg on several trains on 19 March in order to participate in the exercises of the 12th Gds Tank Div.
4. Comment. Artillery units of the 12th Gds Tank Div which went to Forst Zinna on 5 trains on 11 March and returned to their installation.

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